

1 Timothy 5:17-25

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Regarding Pastors-Elders

Scripture

1 Timothy 5:17-20

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

For the Scripture says, "you shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "the laborer is worthy of his wages."

Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.

Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

- **Scripture**

1 Timothy 5:21-25

I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.

Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.

Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

Pastoral Titles in Scripture

1. Bishop/Overseer

- 1 Timothy 3:2-5, Titus 1:7, Acts 20:28, Philippians 1:1

2. Elder

- Acts 15:6, 1 Timothy 5:17, James 5:14, 1 Peter 5:1-4

3. Shepherd

- Ephesians 4:11

V17... Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor,

A Plurality of Elders

- Acts 14:23 So when they had appointed **elders** in **every church**, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.
- Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in **Philippi**, with the **bishops** and **deacons**:
- James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the **elders** of the **church**, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.
- Acts 20:17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the **elders** of the **church**.

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A Plurality of Elders

A Team of leaders

Leadership Team

Led by a **Lead Elder**, or **Pastor**

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The Wisdom of a Plurality of Elders

1. Prevented dictatorial leadership
2. Provided wise counsel from a group of leaders
3. Shared Ministry Burden

Regarding Pastors-Elders

1. Honoring Pastors-Elders

1Timothy 5:17-18

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Hebrews 13:7

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Regarding Pastors-Elders

2. Protecting Pastors-Elders

1Timothy 5:19

Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.

Matthew 18:16

But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY WORD MAY BE ESTABLISHED.'

Regarding Pastors-Elders

3. Rebuking Pastors-Elders

1Timothy 5:20-21

Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

Regarding Pastors-Elders

4. Selecting Pastors-Elders

1Timothy 5

- 22) Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.
- 23) No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.
- 24) Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.
- 25) Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

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This Week's Challenge

**Remember Pastor-Elders-
Leaders are to
honored,
protected,
rebuked, and
selected
through prayer.**

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